

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 14, 2003, claims 1-16 are noted as pending. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Egan et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,875,308 (Hereinafter referred to as "Egan"). Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Applicant requests cancellation of claims 2 and 14.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Egan discloses alerting software in the event of a power fault (column 4, lines 47-53). However, Egan does not disclose disconnecting an internal logic unit in a bus bridge from a bus in response to a power fault signal assertion, as is claimed in independent claims 1, 10, and 13. Therefore, claims 1, 10, and 13 are not anticipated by Egan. For these same reasons, dependent claims 3-9, 11-12, and 15-16 are also not anticipated by Egan.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-13, and 15-16 are distinguished over the cited art and are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1, 3-13, and 15-16 is respectfully requested.

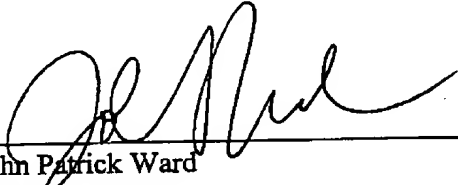
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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